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SUBJ: MEETING WITH MFA DIR-GEN KIDRON,

1. I PAID COURTESY CALL THIS MORNING ON AVRAHAM KIDRON, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, KIDRON NOTED THAT HE WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT AS RESULT RABIN-KISSINGER MEETING IN BONN ON JULY 12, ISRAELI CABINET WOULD APPROVE SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. RE TIMING CABINET MEETING, KIDRON NOTED THAT IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 13. ALLON WOULD HAVE TO GO TO LONDON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR TWO DAYS. IF FOR ANY REASON THE CABINET DID NOT DECIDE BEFORE ALLON LEFT, THEN FINAL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER RETURNED ON TUESDAY, JULY 15.

2. CITING VIETNAM EXPERIENCES KIDRON EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT VALUE ANY PRESIDENTIAL " GUARANTEES" TO ISRAEL AS POSSIBLE ADJUNCTS TO SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT. KIDRON DID NOT MENTION SPECIFICS AND SAID HE WAS SPEAKING "IN PRINCIPLE." NOTING THAT I FOUND IT DIFFICULT COMMENT WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON GUARANTEES KIDRON HAD IN MIND, I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT ISRAELI OFFICIAL WOULD ENTERTAIN SUCH DOUBTS AND MADE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES CONCERNING INTEGRITY AND VALUE OF ANY " GUARANTEES" US MIGHT EXTEND ISRAEL.

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